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- Hearing Notice, Ecology Recommends Designations and a Nonattainment Area for the 2006 PM_{2.5} Standard

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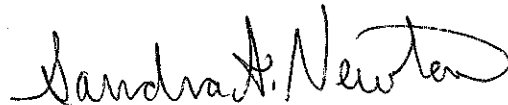
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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
Hearing Summary Memo

Date: February 27, 2008

TO: Jay Manning
Director

FROM: Sandra A. Newton
Hearing Officer

SUBJECT: PM2.5 Designation Recommendations and a Proposed Nonattainment Area

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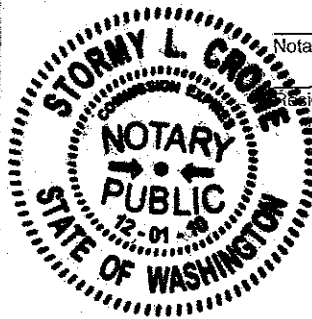
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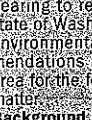
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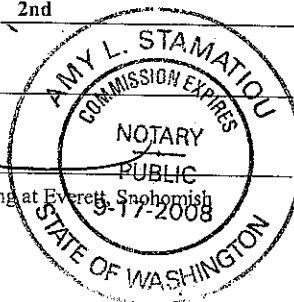
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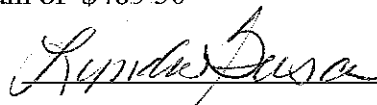
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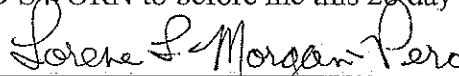
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MYKLEBUST, Robert K.

March 29, 1928 - Oct. 28, 2007

Bob was born in Lacrosse, WA on March 29, 1928 to Tom and Inga Myklebust. Bob graduated from Lacrosse High School in 1946 and attended Whitworth College where he played football. In 1950 he met and married Pat Wilson, a nursing student at Whitworth College. They were married October 27, 1950. Bob owned and operated Dishman, Moscow, Coeur d'Alene, and Sandpoint. He is survived by his wife, Pat, his son Robert Myklebust Jr., daughter Marilyn and (Dwight) Smith, son Steve and (Denise) of Spokane, daughter (Fred) Gabourne of Post Falls, and son (Fred) of Spokane. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Myklebust of Craigmont, ID, brother-in-law Dixie and Morris Byrum of Missoula, MT, nieces and nephews, and many friends. A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 3, at 11 a.m. at Central Lutheran Church. Memorial can be sent to Central Lutheran Church.



RECOR, Frances L.

(Age 80)

Fran passed away at her home with her family on Saturday, October 22nd after a short and courageous battle with cancer. She is preceded in death by her husband Bill and her daughter, Mary. She is survived by her brother Jim and her son, Scott, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren.

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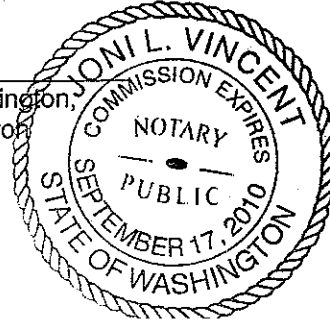
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November 2, 2007

That said notice was published in the regular and entire issue of every number of the paper during the period of time of publication, and that the notice was published in the newspaper proper and not in a supplement.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at the City of Spokane, this 2nd day of November, 2007.

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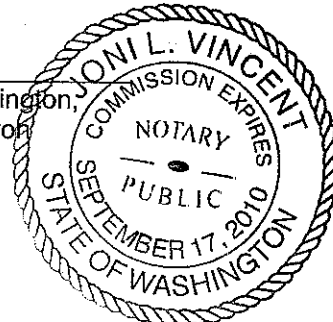
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Contact Keith Klinger, P.O. Box 44329, Olympia, WA 98504, phone (360) 902-6362.

Insurance Services

Repeal Policy: 97-04 Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (NMES) Device.

This provider bulletin has been deleted because the information is available at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/Providers/Treatment/CovMedDev/SpecCovDec/NMES.asp>.

Contact Cecilia Maskell, P.O. Box 44322, Olympia, WA 98504, phone (360) 902-5161

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Repeal Policy: PB 99-01 Adoption of the New 1999 Billing Codes and Fee Schedule Changes.

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Chiropractic fee schedule clarification - <http://www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/Files/ProviderPay/FeeSchedules/2007FS/Marfsall.pdf>

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Medical Reimbursement Methods Evaluation Project - Project completed June 30, 1999

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Josh Swanson

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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

[Filed October 31, 2007, 3:53 p.m.]

Public Hearing Air Quality Program

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WSR 07-22-056
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
FREIGHT MOBILITY
STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD
[Filed November 1, 2007, 11:32 a.m.]

2008 Meeting Schedule

January 25	Olympia
March 21	IBA
May 9	IBA
July 18	Suquamish
September 19	IBA
November 21	SeaTac

WSR 07-22-057
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
SIRTI
[Filed November 1, 2007, 11:33 a.m.]

At the October 18, 2007, Sirti board of directors meeting, action was taken to cancel the regularly scheduled December 20, 2007, board meeting.

WSR 07-22-062
OFFICE OF
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
[Filed November 1, 2007, 2:59 p.m.]
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler will conduct a public hearing on November 15 at the Best Western Executive Inn in Seattle for the purpose of hearing from Washington residents about activities that may constitute unfair methods of competition or unfair trade practices related to Medicare Advantage plans. In particular, concerns have been brought to the attention of the insurance commissioner about the availability to consumers of Medicare Advantage and other plans and access to health care providers who participate in these plans.

In late 2005, UnitedHealth Group sought the commissioner's approval for its acquisition of Pacificare of Washington, which provides Medicare Advantage plans to some 46,000 Washington seniors through its Secure Horizons products. After a hearing, the commissioner approved that acquisition on condition that United maintain the status quo of Pacificare's Washington operations until it resolved the commissioner's main areas of concern, including claims handling and provider contracts.

Since providing his conditional approval, the commissioner has received complaints that United is engaging in anti-competitive activities through its now wholly-owned entity, Pacificare of Washington. These activities are reported to include threats to terminate or adversely affect Pacificare's contracts with physicians and other health care providers unless they refuse to contract with a newly licensed



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